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SURPRISE AT M. MOLOTOV'S SHARP REBUFF

British Anxiety Over Hungarian Coup

"ENTITLED TO INFORMATION"

London, June 13. The Minister of State, Hector McNeill, expressed surprise and regret at Soviet Foreign Minister V. Molotov's sharp rebuff of Britain's mild intercession in the Hungarian coup, but avoided a direct answer as to whether London would now back an appeal to the United Nations.

He declared the government's determination, however, to continue to press for full information on the situation "to which we are entitled".

In answer to a question by a House of Commons member as to possible reference of the case to the United Nations, Mr. McNeill said, "I do not want in any way to minimize our anxieties on this subject, but I hope that I will not be pressed to affirm what action is contemplated, because until we know the facts, we do not know what action is actually proper and legal".

Speaking in place of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, Mr. McNeill said Britain had noted "with the maximum of restraint here because we are not seeking a quarrel" but had only met with Russian "misrepresentations and inaccuracies" for her pains. The British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Maurice Peterson, "made no accusations against our Allies" and only sought information on what was happening in Hungary in order that Britain might form a "just and accurate decision".

"M. Molotov, in reply to inquiries, said that our desire for information in these matters constituted an interference in Hungarian internal affairs and that further, he was not prepared to admit our contention that, as one of the powers represented on the Allied Control Commission, we were thereby given the right to the information for which we had asked. Accordingly, M. Molotov refused to give us any of the details of the situation, but maintained that the policy of the USSR was to refrain from interference in Hungarian internal affairs."

Laughter interrupted Mr. McNeill, who continued, "these misrepresentations and inaccuracies, as the House is aware, have already been rebutted in the House of Lords"—Associated Press.

"Terror"

Budapest, June 13. Despo Sulyok, leader of the small Freedom Party, bitterly attacked the new government in a tumultuous National Assembly debate. Sulyok shouted: "The widest and most objectionable political terror reigns in Hungary!"

His speech was greeted by jeering and angry shouting from the Communists. The uproar was so great that when Sulyok finished talking, Deputy Speaker Istvan Kossai (a Communist) arbitrarily adjourned the Assembly.

Sulyok asserted that bullets broke up opposition political meetings. He said a spy tried to frame him by offering to get money for him from the Americans.

The Weather

A weak anticyclone is centred over S Korea. Pressure remains high in a ridge extending from the Pacific anticyclone to the Philippines and low over N China and Mongolia. A depression appears to be developing over Hunan Province, moving ENE. From it, a trough extends E across the Loosung to the Bonins.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate SW winds, cloudy, with bright intervals after morning showers.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 84.5 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 81.6 deg. Fah.
Rainfall: 2.0 mm. = 0.1 inch. Total since Jan. 1—788.8 mm. as against an average of 787.8 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar. at m.s.l. 1008.8 1006.8 m.b.
Zulu 28.78 29.70 inches.
Rel. Humidity 87 86 %
Dew Point 82 79 deg. F.
Wind Direction N by W. W. by S.
Wind Force 10 16 knots.

Economic Commission Conference

Shanghai, June 13. Sixty delegates from ten nations are gathering in Shanghai for the opening session on June 16 of Far Eastern Economic Commission conference, first of its kind to be held in the Far East.

China's Record Slump

Shanghai, June 13. The greatest drop all China has seen—a 50 per cent slump in trade—reflects the woes of the economic crisis and civil war.

Import and export trade which reached \$99,000,000 in United States currency in February, fell to \$48,000,000 in March, the last month for which figures are available.

Yet Shanghai receives more than 85 per cent of China's legal imports. South China ports get 10 per cent and Yellow Sea ports five per cent.

Exports dropped from \$17,000,000 to \$12,000,000 in March. Imports declined \$72,000,000 to \$36,000,000. Capital goods took the lead in imports during March. Machinery, metals, miscellaneous metalware and transportation equipment totalled \$8,800,000.

More than half of China's imports continued to come from the United States, totalling \$12,200,000. Britain was second with \$4,400,000.

In addition to commercial imports, maritime customs registered a March record of \$18,000,000 worth of UNRRA imports including capital goods

KILL-BEVIN PLOT

Brussels, June 12. Plans were made to assassinate the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, in a railway coach which was to have taken him back to England at the end of the Moscow Foreign Ministers Conference in April, the Flemish-language Brussels newspaper "Het Laatste Nieuws" stated tonight.

The paper said that the attempt was to have been made in Belgian territory on the last day of Mr. Bevin's continental journey. In fact, Mr. Bevin flew direct to London from Germany. The paper added that members of the Stern Gang were behind the plan.—Reuter.

Irgun Raid On Reuter Office

Jerusalem, June 12. Reuters office in the heart of Tel Aviv was raided by Zionist terrorists tonight.

C. I. D. headquarters today warned the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem post offices to watch for "letter bombs", believed to have been mailed from Italy to high officials of the Palestine Government, reliable Jewish sources stated in Tel Aviv tonight.

The warning said: "Look out for yellow envelopes measuring seven by ten inches long, addressed in English and stamped confidential".—Reuter.

OLIVIER KNIGHTHOOD A PRECEDENT

London, June 13. The invisible door carrying divorced persons from the official aristocracy was opened with the award of a knighthood to actor Laurence Olivier in the Birthday Honours list.

Until now, the title "Sir" has been bestowed rarely on men who have been through the divorce courts and almost never when the distinguished man and his wife both have been divorced, as is the case with Olivier and his present wife, actress Vivien Leigh.

There have been repeated protests from influential fans of Olivier, acknowledged to be outstanding among Britain's younger stage and screen figures, when the 40-year-old actor was passed over in favour of less well known theatrical personages in recent years.

Only last New Year, Olivier was missing from the King's Honours list, which is prepared almost entirely by the Government, while his second-in-command at the Old Vic, Ralph Richardson, was knighted.

Following precedent, neither Buckingham Palace nor 10 Downing Street took official notice of the criticism. But after Olivier's knighthood was announced, Sir Robert Knox, Secretary of the Political Honours Scrutiny Commission, told inquirers that it was an example of an increasing tendency towards a more liberal outlook in the conferring of honours.

Merits Only

He wouldn't go into details, but another member of the Commission which passes on the nominations of Cabinet Ministers and others said: "Divorced people will not necessarily be barred in future. In any case, the rule has occasionally been broken before and each case is considered on its merits."

Divorced persons are still barred from the Royal enclosure at the Ascot race course, admission to which amounts to being in the social register. There has been agitation for the removal of the Ascot ban, but no relaxation is expected while the higher clergy of the Church of England vigorously opposes divorce and the wife of England's former King, the twice-divorced "Duchess" Windsor, is not received by the Royal family.—Associated Press

Identity Cards For Chinese

Offices to supply Chinese nationals with identification cards will soon be set up in Hong Kong and Macao, according to a vernacular press report yesterday.

Overseas Chinese will also require identification cards when visiting China.

In Canton alone, more than 300,000 identification cards have already been issued. Inspections are scheduled to begin in August and those without cards will be arrested and fined, added the report.

'Deport Charlie Chaplin' Demand

Washington, June 13. A demand for the deportation of the world famous film star, Charlie Chaplin, to Britain was made in the United States House of Representatives yesterday by Mr. John Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, who said that Chaplin's Hollywood life "is detrimental to the normal fabric of America."

Replying to Mr. Rankin's remarks, Chaplin, in a statement in Hollywood said: "This type of procedure is the usual Fascist technique in trying to suppress free speech and free expression through the medium of the motion picture."

Mr. Rankin was formerly Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee.—Reuter.

TRAWLER CATCHES MINE

Reykjavik, June 12. The British trawler "Loch Hope" sank off the east coast of Iceland after a mine which had been caught in her net exploded.

Seventeen of her crew of 18 were rescued. Eight of her crew are injured.—Reuter.

IMPORT LICENCES TO CHANGE

Change But Something Rich And Strange

Edinburgh, June 12. Sir Walter Scott lost a legal bout with William Shakespeare in the Sheriff's Court and, as a result, coal merchant George Morrison today found himself still bound to appear for trial on June 24 on four charges of selling "sea coal" illegally.

Sea coal is coal broken from submarine beds and left on beaches as a slalom.

Morrison called in Scott's Rob Roy in defence—"A rusty grate seldom gladdened by sea coal or fagots." He said that showed "even in those days people differentiated between coal and sea coal."

Sheriff J.W. More had an answer for that one: "Are you telling me that, as Ariel said in The Tempest, 'change but something rich and strange' into coal?"

Morrison was bound over—United Press.

Russian Claims To U.S. Patents

Budapest, June 12. Russian claims to more than 825 American patents used in Hungary have been referred to the Allied Commandant in Berlin for settlement, an American official said today.

Russia entered a claim to the patents—more than 800 of them the property of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company—as "German assets" because they were issued through Berlin corporate subsidiaries of the firms involved.

The official said the occupation authorities obtained a list of the users of these patents from the Hungarian patent office early in May and notified Hungarian manufacturers they should henceforth make royalty payments direct to Army headquarters.

Other American firms whose patents are involved are the Combustion Engineers of New York, Underwood Corporation and Mrs. Freda Strauss of New York. The total value is estimated in millions of dollars.

Hungarian firms fear they may be liable to double royalties since the American firms are expected to file suit if all payments are diverted to Russia.

Unsatisfactory

The American ACC representative, Brig. Gen. Weems, brought up the issue in several ACC meetings without satisfaction, and finally notified Soviet Gen. Sviridov on May 16 that he had asked Army headquarters to settle the issue in the Berlin Council.

Mr. Pinkney, representative of the ITT in Hungary, told United Press that in all patents involved 85 to 100 per cent of company ownership is in American hands.

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As from Monday, June 16, the import system of licensing will be revised with a view to streamlining present procedure, reducing the number of applications for special import licences and relieving business firms of the necessity for seeking what has for a long time been formal approval, for certain classes of Imports.

In future it will not be necessary for importers to apply for individual import licences (with certain exceptions enumerated below) for goods originating in territories in the British Empire, including mandated areas, (except Canada and New Foundland), France and the French Empire, Egypt, Holland and the Dutch Empire, Palestine, Italy and Czechoslovakia, Iraq, Greece, Siam. These are in point of fact those countries trade with which is not required to be covered by approved sterling transfers on form E.1.

For imports from these countries the Superintendent of Imports and Exports has issued a general licence. If importers from the countries mentioned above are required to furnish the number of an import licence to the export authorities, they should quote "General Licence I."

For the time being, however, while certain commodities are in short supply and under world allocation, special licences will be necessary for a few commodities imported from the above countries such as butter, coconut oil, cheese, margarine, canned fish, flour, rice, and rice products, sugar, meat of all kinds, soap, tin, tin-plate, hemp, coal, coke, cotton yarn and sulphate of ammonia. As supplies of these commodities become more plentiful they will be removed from this list.

Import licences are not required for goods originating in China and Macao with the exception of coal, coke and cotton yarn. It should be noted, however, that import licences are required for goods shipped from Shanghai which are of American origin.

Special Licence

In the case of all countries other than those mentioned above, and in the case of special commodities listed above a special licence is required as hitherto. Applications for import licence should be presented to the Imports and Exports Department, (in triplicate) General Licensing Office, Fire Brigade Building, 2nd floor, where a

receipt will be given for the same. The licence, if granted, will usually be ready the following day on presentation of the receipt. When the consignment to which the import licence relates arrives the original of the licence must be presented to the shipping agents, who can issue a delivery order only on presentation of the licence. After delivery the duplicate import licence must be returned to the Imports and Exports Department, attached to the Import Declaration, which all importers are required to file in respect of each consignment of cargo landed in the Colony.

Extra Copy

Holders of import licences which have not expired and which previously were issued in duplicate only should submit an extra copy of such licence to the Imports and Exports Department for signature, which will be made free of charge.

Import licences are not necessary for transit cargo, i.e., cargo which is taken through the Colony on the same ship, but they are required in respect of transshipment cargo, that is goods which are taken off one ship in the Colony and placed on board another.

Importers are warned that any goods which arrive in the Colony for which no licence has been granted are liable to confiscation. Exporting agents should accordingly be cautioned against despatching goods to the Colony for which no import licence has been obtained.

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Two Jap. Officers To Hang

Armed Robbery Sequel

Hearing of the case which nine men are charged with armed robbery, kidnapping and forcible detention was continued before Mr. Justice Gould in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. A.J. Clifford, assisted by Inspector Matches, is appearing for the prosecution, while the accused, Yeung Chi-ching, Yuen Kuen-shan, Yuen Chi-ming, Hui Yung, Lai Chai, Lam Pui, Tsang Wai-keung, Yui Kwai and Chu Yuen are not legally represented.

Testifying on his own behalf, Tsang Wai-keung denied that he took any part in the robbery at 30 South Wall Road. Tsang declared that he was speaking to a woman when he saw several men enter the rice shop. After a short while, the men in question left, he returned home and was arrested some days later.

Yui Kwai also denied having participated in the robbery. He said that he lived in Fu Young pit and was looking after a cow when a party of police, accompanied by Tsang Wai-keung, approached him and took him into custody. Yui claimed that he was then taken to a cave, where he saw a man with his legs chained.

Yeung Chi-ching admitted that he took part in the robbery, but said that he did so at the request of Tsang Wai-keung. Yeung said that he was asked to deny all knowledge of the incident. He said that Tsang Wai-keung was the leader of the party. Yeung also said that he knew he had done wrong in taking part in the robbery and asked for leniency.

Too Old For The Reformatory

When Chan Sui-yin, 19, spinner, appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for sentence, Inspector C.T. Byron informed His Worship that he was instructed by the S.C.A. that as the girl was too old for the reformatory her case had to be left in His Worship's hands.

Chan was found guilty on Wednesday on charges of giving false information to the Police in respect of a robbery of \$723.00 at 1.45 p.m. on June 1, and of obtaining by false pretences a pair of gold earrings from Yuen Ah Ching, an inmate of the Police Prison, by stating that the proceeds of the sale were to be given to Lady Inspector Chau, of the S.C.A. as a present.

Chan was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Money Market

Gold, which closed at \$293 a tael on Wednesday, took a sharp spurt when the market reopened after the holiday yesterday morning, as buyers offered \$298 a tael. The price went up to \$293.50, but from that point it started to ease till it fell back to \$284.75, when once again it about-turned and closed at \$286.75.

With all interest centring around gold, transactions in Plaster fell off and after opening at \$11.40 a 100 the market closed at \$11.35. Rates fluctuated between \$11.32 and \$11.05 in the course of the day.

Chinese National Currency continued to improve and after slight fluctuations futures yesterday moved up to 12 1/2 cents and spot to 18 cents (for CN\$1,000).

Rumour of a pending devaluation of Sterling caused a sharp drop of Sterling notes on the market to \$13.50 yesterday. Australian notes were unchanged, in fact, they improved to \$12.32. U.S. dollars were in demand at \$4.01.

A fine of \$840 (or four months' hard labour), was imposed on Wu Lai, 44, married woman, by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when she admitted possession of seven taels of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station at 8.15 p.m. on June 12.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



Guilty Of Murder Of RNVR Officer

Colonel Tamura Tetschi and Major Hirano Noburo were yesterday found guilty by No. 5 War Crimes Court of being concerned in the killing of Sub-Lieutenant Fred Hockley, R.N.V.R. at Ichinomiya, Japan, on Aug. 15, 1945, and sentenced to death by hanging.

Captain Fujino Masazo, who was also found guilty on the same charge, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment with hard labour.

The accused were tried before a court comprising Lieut. Col. R.C. Laming, (Dept. of the J.A.G. India), Barrister-at-Law, President, and Major R.S. Butterfield of the Indian Grenadiers and Major J. T. Loring of the J.A.G. Department, Canadian Army, Members.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Major M.I. Ormsby of the West Yorkshire Regiment, assisted by Mr. H.D. Porter of the Legal Section of SCAP.

Mr. Murate Kichi, assisted by Lieut. D.C.J. Banfield as Advisory Officer, appeared for the defence.

Before commencing his closing address yesterday, Major Ormsby said that he would like to express his thanks and appreciation for the invaluable assistance of Mr. H.D. Porter, who had since left the Colony.

In the course of his address, Major Ormsby said that it had been shown that Hockley, a naval pilot, took off in a "Sea Fire" aircraft from H.M.S. Indefatigable at 5.40 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 1945. Hockley's plane was one of eight Seafires acting as fighter escort to "Avengers" and "Fireflies" which had been given various targets in the Tokyo Bay area of Japan. This force was attacked by enemy fighters. Hockley did not return from the action.

The next that was heard was that a British flier gave himself up to a farmer called Hakamura, at Hyashimura, Japan, who in turn handed him over to a civil defence unit. This farmer recognized a photo of Hockley as being the same man who gave himself up on Aug. 15, 1945.

Major Ormsby then dealt with the events which transpired between the handing over of the captured airman to the Regiment and the latter's eventual execution at the hands of Fujino.

After dealing with the responsibilities of each of the accused in regard to this cold-blooded killing without a trial and without the excuse that there was any attempt at escape, Major Ormsby submitted that the three accused were guilty in a greater or lesser degree of being together concerned in the killing.

No Exercise

In conclusion, Major Ormsby said that there could be no excuse for the killing and that each one of the accused knew it was wrong, even according to the laws of humanity and their own Regulations.

In his closing address for the defence, which was read out by Lieut. Banfield, Mr. Murate first recounted the events following the capture of an Allied airman who had parachuted down on Aug. 15, 1945.

Mr. Murate said that everything went according to plan, but at noon that day there occurred an event, unprecedented in the history of Japan. The Emperor broadcast to the nation and conveyed to the people of Japan news of this disaster, probably the greatest disaster that had overtaken Japan—the surrender of the Japanese armed forces to the Allied nations.

Mr. Murate asked the Court to consider for a moment the effect that this broadcast must have had, particularly on people who, probably up to that time, had not for one moment realized the gravity of the military situation.

Stunned, Upset

Mr. Murate said that Hirano, who was stunned and upset by the terrible news, returned to his office in the afternoon, not work, but to be in the company of fellow officers.

WILL THIS GET BY?

Macao, June 13. The statement in Lisbon of Col. Duarte, the Portuguese Minister for Colonies, regarding Chinese pressure for the return of Macao was deleted from vernacular papers arriving from Hong Kong. Vernacular papers published here also were not permitted to publish the report.—United Press.

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE

The St. John Ambulance Brigade is aiming to maintain a night and day emergency ambulance service. They hope to make this service available to every section of the community for either casualties or sudden cases of sickness requiring transportation to hospital.

In order to raise funds for this service, the Brigade is holding an "Appeal Day" on June 21 when flags will be sold.

The fund has been opened by Mr. Au Boon Haw, the well-known philanthropist, who, despite the many calls made on his generosity, has donated an ambulance to the Brigade. With such a lead, the St. John Ambulance Brigade hopes to receive generous public support for this worthy cause.

Obedied Orders

Concerning Tamura, it was submitted that he could not ignore the order from Divisional Headquarters and it was for this reason alone that he acted as he did.

Mr. Murate submitted that Fujino's actions were "without doubt within the scope of the instructions issued by Tamura."

Coming to the question of the actual killing, Mr. Murate said that it was clear that the uppermost thought in Fujino's mind was to kill the prisoner as quickly as possible, causing the minimum amount of physical suffering. "Fujino fired three or four shots at the heart of the prisoner and these would normally have sufficed to kill a man, but the prisoner still appeared to be moving, so without hesitation, Fujino twice thrust at him with a sword, thus ensuring that he was not left to die in agony."

Concluding, Mr. Murate said that it was clear that Fujino was concerned in the killing of a prisoner and that it remained for the Court to consider the facts of the case. Mr. Murate asked the Court, in the light of the evidence, to return a verdict of "not guilty" in respect of all three accused.

After the Court had found all three accused guilty as charged, two petitions, both addressed to General MacArthur, one by Tamura's wife and another by 739 residents of Ichinomiya, Japan, pleading for clemency in the case of Tamura, were read out in Court.

The Court retired at 12.45 p.m. to consider the sentence and did not reassemble again until 4 p.m. when sentences were pronounced.

DONKEYMAN CAUTIONED

Edwin Green, 30, of Hobart, Tasmania, a donkeyman of the m.v. "Scottish Prince" was charged before Mr. J. Jolly in the Marine Court yesterday with assaulting D.D. Dick, the second engineer on the evening of June 11. He was discharged with a caution "on his promise to behave himself whilst awaiting repatriation to Australia."

Green, who signed on at Brisbane, said he had had "rows" with the second engineer, though the two were on familiar terms. He had been working long shifts and on the evening in question was drunk. As far as he could recall, he had not hit Dick but it was he himself who was hit.

Inspector Hill said he went on board to make the arrest and could testify to the drunken condition of Green. The ship had already left, and he was not instructed to press the charge.

Dr. Lim On Bribery Charge

A protest against the prosecution's habit of joining a charge of conspiracy to the substantive charge of accepting a bribe was voiced by Mr. Marcus da Silva at the opening of the hearing of the case against Dr. Lim Ek Quee and Ho Chiu before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Dr. Lim, Medical Officer in Charge of the Shamshui Government Dispensary, is charged with obtaining a bribe of \$3 from Wong Yau-shing on May 22, and conspiring with Ho Chiu, cooie of the Dispensary, to demand money from patients and prospective patients in order to obtain preferential treatment by eliminating the inconvenience of taking their turns in the queue for medical treatment.

Ho Chiu was arraigned on the conspiracy count. He is being defended by Mr. A. S. C. Comber, while Mr. Marcus da Silva is appearing for Dr. Lim. Mr. F. W. Shaftain, SSP, assisted by DSI V. M. Morrison, prosecuted.

On the application of Mr. Silva, supported by Mr. Comber, the two charges are being heard separately. Ho was remanded, on bail of \$250, until June 30.

Mr. Shaftain said that on May 10 Wong attended the Shamshui Public Dispensary and asked to see the doctor. He was told by the second defendant that all tickets had been issued and that he would have to either come back later or pay a fee of \$3 for special attendance. Wong reported the matter to the Police.

On May 22, Wong went again to the Dispensary, accompanied by DSI Morrison. Told again by the second accused that all tickets had been issued, Wong, acting on previous instructions, asked for a special ticket. After being given one of the tickets, Wong handed over three marked \$1 notes to Ho, who told him to give the money to the doctor.

He was asked to wait outside the doctor's door and wait for the bell. When the patient the doctor was attending left, Wong went in and was examined. After the examination, he handed the ticket and \$3 to the doctor, said Mr. Shaftain, and was given the ticket back with a prescription written on it.

When he brought the prescription to the dispensing office he was asked for three empty bottles. As he was unable to furnish the bottles, he was

Desk Searched

Wong left the Dispensary and reported to DSI Morrison. The inspector went in an interviewed the doctor, cautioned him and searched his desk. Inside the drawer was found the three marked \$1 notes among a pile of other banknotes totalling about \$30, said Mr. Shaftain.

The doctor at first said he received the money for injections, alleged Mr. Shaftain, but later admitted that he gave no injections to Wong.

DSI Morrison then went out to interview the second defendant who (according to Mr. Shaftain) admitted writing out the "special tickets."

A search revealed over 80 non-Government issue tickets and eight genuine tickets prescribed by Government for use in public dispensaries and hospitals.

"Ignorant Coole"

On the defence protesting against a joint trial, Mr. Shaftain agreed to His Worship's proposal that the two cases should be heard separately. He added that he could not "conscientiously say that the second accused had any financial benefit from the conspiracy" and that he believed that Ho Chiu "was just an ignorant cooie working under the doctor's instructions."

Wong said that at the time he went to see the doctor there were about 40 people in the Dispensary. He had to wait about five minutes before he could see the doctor, he said.

In reply to Mr. Silva, witness denied that the money blew on to the floor or that he put the money on the desk when the doctor's back was turned. He saw a nurse before he saw the doctor (admitted witness) and the nurse was present when he was examined. He was not told to go to the Kowloon Hospital.

Hearing was adjourned to the afternoon of June 30.

Copies of the Hong Kong Port Regulations (revised up to January, 1947) are on sale in the Entry and Clearance Office of the Harbour Department at \$8.

The Gazette calls for tenders for the rehabilitation of Hongstead Flats, on the Peak, and for the demolition of 20 pill-boxes on the island.

Announcement

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June between 9 a.m. to 12 noon
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NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Ordinary General
Meeting of Shareholders will be
held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday
11th July 1947, at 12 noon for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Accounts
for the period 1st September
1946 to 31st March 1947, and
for the election of Directors and
the appointment of Auditors.

The Register and Transfer
Books of the Company will be
closed from the 28th June to
the 11th July 1947, both days
inclusive.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that an Extraor-
dinary General Meeting of the
Company will be held at the
same place and on the same day
at 12.30 p.m. or so soon after-
wards as the Ordinary General
Meeting shall be concluded,
when the subjoined Resolutions
will be submitted:—

- (1) That Article 88 of the
Company's Articles of
Association be altered by
striking out the words
"the Secretary and" in
the eighth line thereof.
- (2) That the foregoing re-
solution shall be retro-
spective and shall take
effect from the 1st day
of April, 1947.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS &
SON.

General Managers.

HONG KONG, 14th June 1947.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held
in the Board Room of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
14 & 16, Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, on Monday, 16th June
1947, at noon for the following
purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the
Statement of Accounts and
Balance Sheet and the Re-
port of the Directors and
Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and fix
their remuneration.
4. To transact any other or-
dinary business of the Com-
pany.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY
GIVEN that the TRANSFER
BOOKS of the COMPANY will
be closed from the 2nd June
1947 to the 16th June 1947,
both days inclusive.

By order
of the Board of Directors.
R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th. May, 1947.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by
Public Auction will be held at the Office of the Public Works
Department on Tuesday, the 17th day of June, 1947, at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at
the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys,
Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Lot	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3503	Kun Tong Bay	As per sale plan	1,878,000 (about)	\$18,112	\$402,200
	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3504	Kun Tong Bay	Acrea edged red	301,000 (about)	\$4,400	

Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the purchaser shall
according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum
of \$38,600.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the
Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the
Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIF.

Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, 11th June, 1947.

NOTICE

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS FOODSTUFFS

1. Under instructions from the War Office London, the fol-
lowing quantities of RASC Supplies are offered for sale.
2. Tenders are invited for whole or part lots of these com-
modities:—

Tinned Beef	8 tons (approx. 240 cases)
Luncheon Meat (Spam etc.)	15 tons (approx. 933 cases)
Tinned Bacon	3 1/2 tons (approx. 168 cases)
Tinned Sausages	14 tons (approx. 600 cases)
Tinned Pork & Soya Links	15 1/2 tons (approx. 913 cases)
Mixed Tinned Vegetables	36 tons (approx. 1917 cases)

3. These commodities may be inspected at the Command Sup-
ply Depot Shamshuipo between the hours of 10 a.m. to
4 p.m. daily until Friday June 20th.

4. Application to view will be received at, and necessary
passes and tender forms obtained from H.Q. R.A.S.C.
Queen's Road, Hong Kong, daily between the hours of 9 a.m.
and 11 a.m. up to Thursday June 19th.

5. Tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. June 23 and must be
deposited at H.Q. R.A.S.C. Queen's Road, Hong Kong, in
sealed packets and marked "TENDER FOR R.A.S.C. SUP-
PLIES" before that time and date.

6. The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any tender.

S. P. PERRY

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commander, Royal Army Service Corps,
Land Forces,
HONG KONG.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that
the Forty-seventh Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Share-
holders in the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
Windsor House, Mezzanine
Floor, on Thursday 26th June,
1947, at 11 a.m. for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946, to sanction the declara-
tion of a Dividend and Bonus
and to re-elect Directors and
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
12th to 26th June, 1947, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

J. D. THOMSON
Manager.

Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1947.

NOTICE

All of the voting, preferred
stock and non-voting common
stock of CATHAY-GRAND
CORPORATION has been re-
quired upon the basis of de-
cisions reached pursuant to re-
solutions adopted by the voting
preferred stockholders and non-
voting common stockholders at
the annual meeting of the Com-
pany held December 27, 1946.
The retired stock is being re-
placed by voting common stock.
Stockholders who have not re-
ceived the Company's circular
letters giving notice of the
foregoing are requested to im-
mediately mail to the Company
their names and addresses.

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GERMAN AND ITALIAN ASSETS SEIZED BY CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY

All companies or persons
holding any funds, shares,
dividends, or other assets seized
by the Custodian of Enemy Prop-
erty prior to the occupation of
Hong Kong and now held in the
name of the Custodian of Prop-
erty or to his order are re-
quested to forward to the Cust-
odian of Property at the earliest
opportunity details of all such
assets held by them.

In cases where the informa-
tion has already been given
since the re-occupation no fur-
ther return is necessary.

This request does not apply
to former China Companies now
registered in Hong Kong, who
should take instructions from
the Custodian of Enemy Prop-
erty in London.

W. H. STURROCK
Custodian of Property.

JAPANESE ASSETS

All companies or persons
holding any funds, shares,
dividends, or other assets,
which were the property of
Japanese Government, companies
or individuals, are requested to
forward to the Custodian of
Property at the earliest op-
portunity details of all such as-
sets held by them.

In cases where the informa-
tion has already been given
no further return is necessary.
This request does not apply
to former China Companies now
registered in Hong Kong, who
should take instructions from
the Custodian of Enemy Prop-
erty in London.

W. H. STURROCK
Custodian of Property.

IN RUSSIA'S FOOTSTEPS? Britain To Study Soviet Methods Much Of Value To Learn

London, June 12.

Informed Labour sources said today that 600
Labour Party groups throughout the country
would discuss in the next few weeks whether
Britain should adopt or adapt Soviet methods
to increase industrial output.

The groups will study problems of "Socialist
emulation," establishment of patronage of
"good" factories over bad ones, creation of
special orders of merit for particular achieve-
ments in production, the Stakhanov move-
ment and factory bulletin board and news-
papers praising skilful workers and criticizing
insufficient efforts.

Labour Party Hqs. also have
advised the discussion groups to
consider whether incentives other
than those applied in Russia
would be more congenial for
Britain. Groups are invited to
discuss whether the British dis-
like for tale-bearing and snoop-
ing would not make unsuitable
for Britain the bestowal of special
rewards and decorations for out-
standing individual and team
work as in the Soviet Union.

The groups will send their
findings to the Research Sec-
retary of the Labour Party, who
will analyze them in a report for
the Party National Executive.

Lessons

The basis of the discussion
is a pamphlet just issued by Labour
Party Headquarters, objectively
pointing out "How Russia gets
output" adding "there may be
lessons to learn from Soviet ex-
perience."

The Labour Party Secretary,
Mr. Phillips, prefaced it with:
"It would be folly to disregard
the experience of the Soviet
Union as an aid in the Socialist
transformation of Britain. There
are many features in Soviet life
which we, with our political de-
mocracy, shall never copy. But
in the economic field we may
have much of value to learn."

Reaction To Marshall: Britain's Opportunity

London, June 12.

In a speech by the U.S. Secretary of State, General
Marshall, at Harvard University, in which, he
said the countries of Europe should draw up a
programme designed to put Europe on its feet
and that any Government that is willing to
assist in its task of recovery will find full co-
operation on the part of the United States
Government, evoked favourable comment in
the current British weekly reviews.

Typical comments were: "Leftwing 'New States-
men': 'The Marshall speech is Britain's op-
portunity. On Mr. Bevin's reaction to the
Marshall offer depends very largely whether
American resistance will be used to unify or
to divide Europe.'"

The Leftwing "Tribune":
"Marshall has shown more po-
litical audacity; let our Gov-
ernment now match it."

The Independent "Spectator":
"The keynote of the whole
edifice is European willingness
not merely to accept aid, but
to put it to productive use."

Independent "Time & Tide":
"Failure to accept this op-
portunity would be tragic in itself
and in its consequences."

The "New Statesman" added:
"Europe's opportunity is, above
all, Britain's opportunity. Mar-
shall has very wisely left it to
us Europeans to make our own
united proposals for a form in
which American assistance
should be forthcoming. Instead
of doling out dribbles of dollars
for each individual country as
a sort of poor law relief, he
has rightly demanded a Euro-
pean initiative and he has been
careful not to exclude in ad-
vance nations of Eastern
Europe."

"This gives Britain's Foreign
Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin,
the supreme chance to put for-
ward those proposals for Euro-
pean reconstruction without
which the Government's domes-
tic programme is almost mean-
ingless."

Suggesting that a European
Economic Commission is the
obvious body in which to work
out the proposals for European
reconstruction, the "New
Statesman" continued: "By
working through the European
economic commission we should
also ensure that the German
problem is being put in its pro-
per perspective. There is the
danger at present that Ameri-
can materials and food will be
poured into Western Germany
to the exclusion of other coun-
tries in equal need."

"Ultimately, a healthy Ger-
many is only possible in a Uni-
ted Europe and we can only pre-
vent German reconstruction
from becoming a menace to
European peace by integrating
it into European reconstruction."
—Reuter.

Washington, June 13.
The Chinese Government has
requested the War Assets Ad-
ministration for two credits total-
ling \$50,000,000 for purchasing
American surplus war materials
within the United States.

It was learned that the WAA
has not decided on the Chinese
request but indicated that Nan-
king has stated it desired mater-
ials for further rehabilitation of
China. —Associated Press.

"WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT"

Los Angeles, June 12.
Henry Wallace, former De-
mocratic Vice-President, will
become a candidate for pre-
sidency of the United States
within the next two months,
the "Los Angeles Times" re-
ported today.

Mr. Wallace will stand for
the Democratic nomination in
preferential primaries in Cali-
fornia and "at least a dozen"
other states, it added. A
"Henry Wallace for Presi-
dent" committee was al-
ready being organized in Los
Angeles with the knowledge
and consent of the former
vice-President, the paper
said. Wallace in New York de-
clined to comment. —Reuter.

SIKHS DON'T LIKE PLAN

Lahore, June 12.

Three representative Sikh
groups, meeting in a joint con-
ference at Lahore, have ex-
pressed disapproval of the British
plan for the division of India.

The groups, in their resolu-
tion published here today, said:

"In the opinion of this joint
conference, the only redeeming
feature of the plan is its accept-
ance of the principle of parti-
tion of the Punjab, but the
basis of the national division
of the province is unjust and
inequitable to the Sikhs, for it
fails to provide any position of
power or status or any means
for protection of their inter-
ests." —Reuter.

Churchill Surprises Doctors

London, June 12.

Mr. Churchill surprised
his doctors today by
sitting up in bed, 24
hours after his operation
for hernia, reading news-
papers and longing for a
cigar.

There are no further bulletin
on Mr. Churchill's progress, but
reports say he is recovering
more rapidly than his doctors
thought possible.

His diet is glucose and
water, but he may be allowed
a full meal on Sunday and may
go home from the undisclosed
nursing home, where he is con-
valescing, by the end of next
week.

And his doctors promise him
he may have a cigar next
Wednesday.

Mrs. Churchill visited him for
an hour today and found him
sitting up, chatting with the
nurses and calling for news-
papers. The Prime Minister,
Mr. Attlee, telephoned the
nursing home for a report and
was told Mr. Churchill was do-
ing very well. —United Press.

Dachau Experiments A Farce

Nuernberg, June 12.

Dr. Andrew Ivy, Vice-Presi-
dent of the University of
Illinois College of Medicine and
consultant to the Secretary of
War, testified today that medi-
cal experiments conducted at
Dachau by Nazi doctors were a
farce scientifically.

He said they were of no
scientific value, chiefly because
the subjects were concentration
camp inmates who were forced
to undergo tests and therefore
would not cooperate with the
doctors.

"In all experiments I have
conducted in the United States
in making sea water drinkable
and testing human reaction to
high altitudes," he said, "volun-
teers were used as subjects.
This is necessary for tests to be
successful."

He said the fatal high-
altitude experiments made at
Dachau were not justified be-
cause the same information
could have been obtained from
animal experiments. — United
Press.

U.S. Not Against Socialism

Berlin, June 12.

Frank Howley, Director of
the U.S. Military Government
in Berlin, announced today to
German editors and reporters
that the American military gov-
ernment "does not intend to
hinder or obstruct socialization
in Germany, provided the Ger-
man people desire it."

Howley said: "We want to
be sure it is what the German
people want and not what a
united minority wants. We
know that Germany was one of
the birth-places of Socialist
ideas."

He told Germans that the
Americans were not as hostile
to Socialism as was generally
believed, but it is only fair to
say that the United States
favours private industry for its-
self because it "gives us the
highest standard of living."

"However, there are many
people in the United States who
believe in socialising certain
activities," Howley said. —
United Press.

RUSSIA PULLING OUT?

Paris, June 12.

Russia's recent actions in
Hungary and other Eastern
European countries "are a pro-
lude to the evacuation of her
troops in Eastern Europe," ac-
cording to today's Foreign Af-
fairs bulletin of the Paris paper,
"Le Monde," which usually re-
flects French Foreign Office
views.

"Moscow is organising a solid
defence for the day when her
troops will evacuate Eastern
Europe. Countries under Soviet
influence already form a con-
siderable bloc. It only remains
for Austria and Greece to join
the bloc." —Reuter.

Steamship Owners Accused

San Francisco, June 12.

The West Coast CIO
Maritime Union today
accused ship owners of
delaying tactics in con-
tract negotiations while
preparing their mem-
bers for a lockout which
would tie up all coastal
shipping starting at mid-
night Sunday.

The union, in a statement
made after a meeting with la-
bour leaders, said that no peace
is in sight in the Maritime in-
dustry for the June 15 dead-
line.

The CIO committee said an
agreement had not been reach-
ed between the Pacific Ameri-
can Steamship Owners Associa-
tion and the American Com-
munications Association and
Marine Cooks and Stewards and
Marine Engineers; and between
the Waterfront Employers As-
sociation and International
Longshoremen's and Ware-
housemen's Union representing
clerks and checkers.

Contracts between the four
unions and the WEA and PASA
expire at midnight Sunday.

The union statement said:
"The employers are hanging
a tough on even the simple is-
sues of renewing contracts, as
it is obvious that many are go-
ing for action on the Taft-
Hartley slave labour bill before
deciding their counsel. This
means that June 15 may see all
West Coast shipping tied up."
—United Press.

North American Alliance?

Quebec, June 12.

President Truman to-
day expressed the hope
that Canada, the United
States and Mexico would
become a solid continent
of friendship.

Mr. Truman said that unless
that status was achieved, the
men who died in the two World
Wars would have died in vain.

He told reporters his presence
in Canada was to solidify the
three great countries of the
North American continent.

The President spent most
of the day at this scenic resort
on the banks of the Ottawa River,
lunching with Prime Minister
Mackenzie King and the Ameri-
can Ambassador to Canada,
Mr. Ray Atherton.

President Truman will leave
for Washington in a special
train tonight.

After bidding for Canadian
support for his foreign policy
doctrine, Mr. Truman told men
and women seated at his feet
that the only American objective
abroad was world peace and
friendship—with every nation in
the world—and asked reporters
to underline the word "every."
—United Press.

CIVIL WAR IN TIBET?

Shanghai, June 13.

The "Ta Kung Pao," quoting
a press report from Chengtu, pro-
vincial capital of Szechuan, said
today that internal strife has
broken out in Tibet.

The paper said that fighting is
raging near Lhasa as a result of
the Tibetan government's arrest
of the chief of a Lama temple
whose followers revolted and at-
tempted a coup to wrest power.

It said, however, they were
overpowered and driven to the
outskirts of Lhasa.

Other details were not avail-
able. —United Press.

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dering roars!

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"PARDON MY SARONG"

PUTSCH IN RUMANIA NEXT?

Warning Given By General Radescu

Total Liquidation Of Opposition

London, June 12. General Radescu, Rumania's second post-liberation Premier, and a well-qualified British political source both predicted, independently, today that a Communist putsch is being planned in Rumania.

Radescu was interviewed in exile in Europe. His exact whereabouts are withheld at his request. The British informant must remain anonymous because of his position.

Radescu said the Government of Rumania's pro-Soviet Premier, Petru Groza, is preparing the total liquidation of opposition parties.

"Thousands have been arrested and their number is rising at an increasing rate," Radescu said. "Those in prison or concentration camps are systematically being starved or beaten to death."

The ex-Premier said the Russians organized a mass demonstration against him in Bucharest on February 24, 1945, to force him from the premier-ship.

"The Russians shot eight of their own supporters so they could call me the people's murderer and prevent me from carrying out my intention of holding free elections," he said.

His government remained the only truly legal Rumanian government pending free elections.

He said King Michael dismissed his government and appointed one selected by the Soviet government headed by Groza only under threat of Russian guns and after the Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, M. Vishinsky, ordered the disarming of the Rumanian Home Army.

November Coup? The British source said high Rumanian quarters with whom he had been in contact expected the Rumanian Communists to complete their coup by November.

Already, he said, the Communists were planting their followers in key positions in the administration preparatory to liquidating the coalition government.

The first to go, this source said, would be the Liberals, led by the Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, George Tatarescu. He said the Communists planned to force out the Liberals by insisting on the nationalization of key industries, which the free-enterprise Liberals oppose.

The source said Rumanian

London, June 12.

Socialists feared they would be the next to go after the Liberals. In all their moves, he said, the Communists were using the Rumanian economic crisis as an excuse for tightening up the regime.

The Real Plot

In Hungary, the source said, the Communists had cleverly linked a military plot with the desire of the Smallholders Party to remain independent of the Communists.

The only real plot, he said, was that of old military personalities who had hoped to revive the discredited Horthy regime. By linking this plot with the efforts of the Smallholders Party to remain the strongest political party in Hungary, he said, the Communists succeeded in overthrowing Premier Nagy.

United Press.

Pravda's Moan On Turkey

Moscow, June 12. The prospect of Turkey becoming a colony of the United States "is causing deep alarm to democratic circles in Turkey," the Soviet newspaper "Pravda" wrote today.

The article, by Dr. Vershinin, said: "In presenting their aid to Turkey, the United States has shown complete disregard for the sovereignty of this country—not only having ordered their special envoy to complete a programme of work to be done on Turkish territory, but also giving him full control of its carrying out."

"This means that the political aims of the Truman Doctrine are practically uniform with the interests of American industrialists."

Referring to the United States military mission in Ankara, the article said: "From the military point of view, Turkey has lost her independence."—Reuter.

VOTE FOR GERMANS

Prague, June 12. The General Council of the World Federation of Trade Unions today granted "affiliation in principle" to German trade unions over the strenuous protests of the Polish and Palestine delegations.

The vote to permit participation of a German delegation on a tentative basis was unanimous, except for the opposition of both the Arab and the Jewish delegates from Palestine.

The Polish delegation, which insisted on prior approval by the ILO annual Congress, refrained from voting.—United Press.

Princes Come Out For Independence

New Delhi, June 12.

Two of India's most important princely state — Travancore, possessing rich thorium deposits used in the production of atomic energy, and Hyderabad—declared today for independence as the Interim Government's Partition Committee began its work here on details of the Hindustan-Pakistan split.

The Standing Committee of the All-India States Peoples' Conference issued a resolution today, stating that "any ruler declaring his state's independence will thereby express his hostility not only to the Indian Union but to his own people," adding that "such an act will be resisted."

Challenging the Dewan (Premier) of Travancore, the Committee said that any persistence by the Travancore Government in its present "disastrous and reactionary policy" would lead the Travancore people to resist, by all legitimate and non-violent means, the deprivation of their basic rights.

The Committee hoped that Hyderabad would "respect the wishes of the vast majority of its people and decide to join the Indian Union ere long."

The Northwest Frontier Province Congress and "Red Shirt" leaders, meeting at Peshawar today, voted full powers to Abdul Ghaffar Khan, the "Frontier Gandhi," to negotiate for them on the province's future.

The Red Shirt followers of Ghaffar Khan support the policy of cooperation between Hindus and Moslems to free India.—Reuter.

Reds Jailed In Baghdad

Baghdad, June 12.

Six members of the "National Liberation" movement, (unauthorised Communist Party) have been sentenced to two years imprisonment and two years under police control for publishing Communist propaganda.

Musa Shiekh Radi, Director of "Al-Sinaa," National Union Party newspaper, and Amir Sharif, leader of the People's Party and editor of "Al Watan," were each sentenced to a fine of £20 and 22 days imprisonment by the Magistrate's Court.

In addition, both papers were suspended for six months.—Reuter.

SWEDEN KILLED BY RUSSIAN

Vienna, June 12.

A communique from the Ministry of Interior tonight says that Dr. Arne Karlson, Assistant head of the Swedish Aid to Austria organisation, was killed by shots fired by a Russian sentry.

Tonight's communique said that Dr. Karlson had apparently lost his way and was trying to turn his car on a cart track when a sentry fired shots which struck the back of his head, killing him instantly.

Dr. Karlson had failed to hear the sentry's warning, owing to the noise of his motor engine.—Reuter.

"JANE"

WELL, ERIC'S SMART, FRITZ! HE BUNDLED ME INTO THIS CAB BEFORE I HAD TIME TO TACKLE HIM ON ANYTHING!

THAT'S GOT RID OF HER—I HOPE! SHE'S STICKING TOO CLOSE TO THE SCENT FOR MY LIKING!

AND WHY DID HE DENY HE WAS FLYING TO PARIS? HE MUST BE UP TO SOME FUNKY BUSINESS THERE—APART FROM TRYING TO LURE LYDIA FROM THE STRAIT AND NARROW.

DRIVER! I'VE CHANGED MY MIND!—DON'T TAKE ME HOME—RUN ME TO THE AIRPORT—AND QUICKLY!

O.K. MISS!

EXPLOSION IN LONDON

London, June 12.

A terrific explosion shattered windows and cracked walls in Central London before dawn today—the third anniversary of the first flying bomb attack on England.

Early morning workers, acting on warborn reflexes, flattened themselves on the pavement, then grinned sheepishly at one another.

Later, the police explained that thieves had detonated a dynamite charge in an effort to blow up a two-ton safe in a London real estate office in New Bond Street.—United Press.

Our New Secret Weapon

London, June 12.

An "Evening News" dispatch from Auckland at today that "Britain and America have developed a secret weapon which is confidently regarded as an effective alternative to the atom bomb."

The dispatch quoted Professor T. D. L. Leech, described as the No. 1 scientist on the new object, as saying:—

"By comparison, the atom bomb is a clumsy method of making an attack. The new weapon is still top ranking on the secret list. You will probably never hear about it until another war—if one comes."

Leech was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire for his work in co-ordinating research and development of the secret weapon, the Evening News said.

"The weapon was developed during research into methods of achieving the final subjugation of Japan, the work of which was originally started in Florida but because of the danger of espionage activities, it was transferred to New Zealand," the dispatch said.—United Press.

No Clues

Auckland, June 12.

Newspapermen's efforts to gain some hints on Professor Leech's super-weapon were unsuccessful. It was known, however, that it has not yet reached a stage of practical application and it is still proceeding under the strictest secrecy by British, American and New Zealand scientists.

It was learned that the weapon could be applied in various ways; one way being similar to the atomic bomb. It was further understood that the development of this weapon to actual application cost far less than the atomic bomb and it was understood to offer a lesser threat to world peace while similar to it as an offensive weapon.

The idea for it emanated from a Wellington man who communicated it to the military authorities in December, 1943, after which immediate work was begun.—United Press.

GANDHI ON HINDUSTAN

New Delhi, June 12.

Gandhi today told a prayer meeting that he did not like the name "Hindustan" because it implied that only Hindus lived in the area which will also contain Christians, Jews, Parsees and Moslems.

Gandhi said: "I prefer Jawaharlal Nehru's description—Union of Indian Republics from which some Moslem majority areas had seceded."

Gandhi concluded his address with a plea for toleration.—United Press.

TRAINS RUN AGAIN

Paris, June 12.

Trains pulled out of Paris railway stations today a few hours after France's crippling five day railway strike was settled in all night negotiations between the Government and trade unions.

When the Prime Minister, M. Ramadier, met the French National Assembly today, he announced: "For the last half hour, trains have once more been running along the network of the French railway system."

"The strike has ended to everybody's satisfaction," the Prime Minister said.—Reuter.

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H.K.'S ECONOMIC CHIEF

The Far Eastern Economic Conference which opens in Shanghai on Monday is not expected to arrive at any exciting conclusions. Most interested governments will be represented, but the task immediately assigned is exploratory rather than that of producing a plan for economic revival and re-organisation in this part of the world. The real decisions will be made at a later international gathering when the facts to be gathered in Shanghai can be examined against the wider background presented by the general world picture. Hong Kong's representative in Shanghai will be Mr. W. M. Thomson, the Director of Supplies, Trade and Industry, an obvious choice since it is freely recognised that if there is any one person who has all the facts at his finger-tips and is deserving of the credit for Hong Kong's remarkable trade revival since the Liberation, and for the relative economic stability of the Colony in a shattered Pacific world, it is Mr. Thomson. From the days of the British Military Administration, when he landed with H.E. Mr. D. M. MacDonnell (then Brigadier), as his Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Mr. Thomson has taken a prominent part in all phases of policy-making which have set Hong Kong on a strong course in the realm of trade and industry, and have contributed so importantly to the control of inflation, and the steady downward curve of overall price levels. When it was seen that the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry must be retained as a vital feature of the existing administrative machine, his appointment as its Director was an instant first choice, and when his prestige gained him the battle in the initial controversy over whether a Government department could be authorised to operate on a commercial footing, its practical usefulness was established. The Colony's position is not yet so secure that Mr. Thomson can easily be spared at this time. We are not yet out of the wood to the extent that his intimate experience of the problems and level-headed approach to them can readily be dispensed with. His, however, has been a more than normally strenuous job and the furlough he is to take on the conclusion of the Shanghai conference has been richly earned.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Rather more than its immediate predecessors, the King's Birthday Honours List reflects the traditional attitude of the Labour Party towards such distinctions for merit in noteworthy fashion. In an exceptionally long list, only five of the appointments have been made in reward for political services rendered. On the other hand, more than one thousand workers and industrial leaders have been awarded either the O.B.E. or the M.B.E., including a 78-year-old miner who still works in a Kentish colliery. At a time in Britain's history when hard work is the pre-requisite of national salvation, it gives rather the impression of an experiment by Mr. Attlee on the basis that labour may be sweetened by the hope of additional rewards, but doubtless the major part of the list is made up of individuals who gave of their best to the country in the crisis of the war years. That signal services during the war continue to exercise primary influence in the making of awards is shown by the Hong Kong list. Mr. Stanley Dodwell gains the high honour of C.B.E. in recognition of his public services to Hong Kong, but, more especially, of his strenuous efforts in Australia during the war as Chairman of the Far East Welfare Committee, whose special care was the wives and children of Hong Kong internees and prisoners-of-war. Two Chinese gain the M.B.E. distinction for exceptional loyalty in service before December, 1941, and after. The two other awards are on a similar plane. The Colony may possibly reflect that the list could have been longer, but cannot feel other than satisfied that these honours have been worthily and deservedly bestowed.

American Army Experiment: "Please" With Orders

United States Army discipline and morale reached the lowest ebb during the post-war demobilisation, but now is unquestionably among the highest in any of the world's armies. The reasons for this are obvious.

The American soldier is the highest paid in the world. Even the lowly private receives \$75 monthly pay in addition to living quarters, food and clothing. Pay ranges up to \$247 monthly for the top enlisted grade of master sergeant with 36 years' service. Additionally, each man draws \$50 monthly dependency allowance for his wife, \$30 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child.

The American soldier receives the finest food and since the army has been reduced by demobilisation there are ample quarters available on most military posts.

The last conscript soldier under the draft law was discharged from the army early this month and service is once again 100 per cent volunteer. Draftees who wanted to get out were the cause of most of the army's disciplinary troubles. There was a flurry of civilian resentment against army discipline right after the war ended, which Secretary of War Robert Patterson called a natural aftermath.

Discipline

Mr. Patterson appointed a civilian board headed by retired Air General James Doolittle to suggest improvements in army discipline. The changes that resulted from the Doolittle Board recommendations were:

(1) Abolition of saluting while off duty and away from army installations while in the United States. Soldiers still are required to salute at all times in occupied countries. Commanders in other

overseas areas may require hand saluting if they find it necessary for discipline.

(2) Increased pay on a sliding scale ranging from an additional 50 per cent for privates to a 10 per cent increase for generals, providing a more secure economic life for those who choose the military career.

(3) Identical uniforms for enlisted men and officers, except for insignia, effective July 1, 1948.

(4) More clubs for entertainment of enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

(5) Training for all officers to improve their leadership by teaching them psychology and respect for the rights of their enlisted men.

(6) Equality of treatment of enlisted men with officers by military courts martial.

(7) Elimination of discriminatory references between officers and enlisted men and their families contained in official army papers.

Say Please

Other recommendations by the board included revision of the military justice system to allow enlisted men to serve on courts martial, to provide trained lawyers for all defendants, to eliminate mandatory death or imprisonment penalty for rape conviction, to forbid coercion of defendants to force confession and to permit the punishment of officers by loss of their commissions and reduction to the ranks.

An even more democratic army organisation is being tried out in the universal military training test unit at Fort Cox, Kentucky. There commissioned and non-commissioned officers are instructed to say "please" when giving enlisted men an order while even better living comfort and education are provided for enlisted men. This experiment is designed to provide a possible pattern for the permanent training of American youth for six months to be supplemented by further training in the National Guard and organized reserves.

A proposal for this is now before Congress.

The principles learned are that the country can have a better army by using greater respect for the human rights and privileges of enlisted men.—United Press.

Farley--Roosevelt Revelation

James A. Farley, whose unexplained break with President Roosevelt caused wide speculation in 1939, disclosed today he was never "taken into the bosom" of the Roosevelt family and that the rift in their friendship went almost unnoticed until it was "unbridgeable."

Farley, National Democratic chairman and Postmaster General for the first eight years of the New Deal administration, said in his first series of articles for Collier's Magazine that the break started as early as the 1936 presidential campaign. He said a time came when he was as much in the dark about Roosevelt's political plans as the chairman of the Republican Committee.

He added: At first this did not disturb me. What few people realise is that the relationship between Roosevelt and me was basically political and not social. Strange as it may seem the President had never taken me into the bosom of his family even though everyone agreed I was more responsible than any other single man for his being in the White House.

Farley said he was never invited to spend a night at the House and the only two cruises made on the Presidential yacht were "political."

He said Mrs. Roosevelt once commented "Franklin finds it hard to relax with people who are not his social equals." Farley said "I took this remark to explain my being out of the infield."

The First Ripple

Farley said the first "ripple across the pond of our friendship" came in the 1936 campaign when he shared in the tremendous ovation given Roosevelt on Oct. 14 in Chicago. He said the next day the President's secretary came to him "some what ill at ease" to tell him they thought it best that there after Farley should not appear on the platform with the President as they believed Farley was nursing Presidential aspirations for 1940.

"This was simply not true at the time," he said.

Farley said he often wondered whether "this uneasy suspicion coloured my subsequent relations with the White House."

He said he supported Roosevelt in the Supreme Court reorganisation fight, but "could not and did not go along with him a year later on a less disastrous attempt to purge the Democratic Party of those who opposed his bill."

Farley added: "I believe that down inside he never forgave me for putting the party welfare above the personal allegiance he considered his due."—United Press.

INSANE

New Orleans, June 12. Don Luis Laurens, who recently leaped the altar rail in a Catholic church and stabbed the priest, has been judged insane by a lunacy commission. The victim of his attack recovered.—United Press.

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DON'T RAISE A MINOR

Raising your partner's minor suit, if you are able to bid some other suit, is generally losing bridge—especially in a rubber game, or a total point duplicate. It makes no difference how well your hand fits the minor your partner has bid. If you have some other suit of at least four cards, possessing probable No Trump stoppers at its top, the naming of that suit may be all your partner requires to make a sound try for game in No Trumps. Thus it helps you attempt a nine-trick game contract instead of having to reach out for an eleven-trick game in a minor.

63	32	1055	K J 10 8
Q 9 7 5	W E	84	9 6 4 3
Q 8 2	S	84	K 8
84			07

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 NT	Pass

Though this hand was played in a match-point pair duplicate, the bidding point in it was sound enough in any game. It would have been still more important in rubber bridge, in which it could

have decided whether or not South would get a game.

When North raised the clubs on the first round, and South then went to 3-Clubs, it would have been highly hazardous for North then to bid 3-Diamonds. If that bid did not prove the key for South to slip into 3-No Trumps, it could have the effect of pushing South beyond his depth in clubs, to the height of four. As it developed, South made exactly 3-Clubs, losing three in diamonds and one in spades.

The declarer in 3-No Trumps had no trouble making his game against the spade 5 level. One trick there, plus three in hearts and five in clubs, produced it for him. Note that North at this table did no stretching of his hand. His 1-Diamond did not raise the level at all. After South bid 1-No Trump, North had just about enough for a sound raise to two, and South could now try for game without undue optimism.

872	84	872	84
K J 10 3	Q J 3	K J 10 3	Q J 3
Q 7	Q 7	Q 7	Q 7
10 9 4 3	10 9 4 3	10 9 4 3	10 9 4 3

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

Who ought to open the bidding of this deal, if anyone? How?

"On Steep Slope To Disaster"

London, June 12. A call to the peoples of the world to forsake their fear of atomic power was made today by Mr. J. J. Lawson, former Secretary of State for War.

"The storm is over, but we are still governed by a fear of the storm," Mr. Lawson declared, adding that "the cat and drink, for tomorrow we die" frame of mind was the steep slope to personal, national and international disaster.

Declaring that neither the United States, Russia, Britain, nor France would go to war today, having "suffered together in indescribably in order to slay the disturbers of peace and security," Mr. Lawson said:

"The pity is that no man or nation is able to recover from these wounds."

Mr. Lawson said that it was impossible to mobilize men who had just been demobilized after grim years of war, or a nation that has suffered deeply.

"That goes for all nations," he added.—Reuter.

body of men can give us anything like an estimate of the real material conditions of any nation today.

"One thing is certain, that even the victors are sorely wounded. It will take long years to recover from these wounds."

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"That goes for all nations," he added.—Reuter.

"REVEALING INTERVIEW"

Egyptian Case Against Britain

Recruiting For Greek Army

Athens, June 12. The United States military mission, in a note to the Greek General Staff, has approved the recruiting of 20,000 new troops to replace soldiers under conscription since 1940 on the condition that the Greek Army substantially reduces its requests for additional military material.

The Army actually will be increased by 20,000 during the three-month training period for recruits, but the United States note specifies that an equal number of veterans must be released.

At the same time, the military mission advised the General Staff that it considered some requests for material unjustified and advised that the recruitment and training of the 20,000 be done as cheaply as possible. United Press.

Appearances Of Inferiority

London, June 12. The "New Statesman," in its current issue prints what it terms "a very revealing interview" between the Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashi Pasha, and the British author and lecturer, Mr. George Billainkin.

The Premier, stating the Egyptian case against Britain at considerable length, said that Egypt's problems were "sovereignty, security and economic reform."

He said that British troops "must evacuate the country completely, evacuation not to be conditioned by a treaty."

Turning to security, Nokrashi Pasha said: "We cannot be expected to take part in talks on the security of the Middle East and at the same time jeopardize our own security."

He recalled that a statement from the Foreign Office said that the 1936 treaty "will remain in force" after he had made it clear to the British Ambassador that unless the

Egyptian point of view was accepted, Egypt had to re-consider the matter to the United Nations.

"This means," he explained, "that they force us to accept British troops in this country against our will. That is the situation."

Asked what prospect there was of eliminating discussions at the United Nations and coming to a mutual defence arrangement, the Premier replied that if Britain eliminates the source of friction which troubles Anglo-Egyptian relations and begins complete evacuation unconnected by any treaty, "I still believe Egypt would be willing to make a treaty of mutual assistance. Of course, in a different spirit."

When the matter comes before the United Nations, he said, "everybody will be free to present his case and use every argument possible to help his case."

Dealing with Egypt's demand for the repayment of £450,000, now owing by Britain, as a result of expense incurred in Egypt during the war, the Premier said: "We must have payment on account."

Turning to the plan for regional defence, Nokrashi Pasha said that when the British military mission is finished in Egypt, "we will have a new one. We will buy our arms as we choose. We will start factories for small arms and heavier material as we choose, and we shall change the law here for compulsory military service. We shall provide the money for our defence."

U.S. Experts

While British troops were in Egypt he would not bring in any others but, he added, "new experts will be here as soon as the British are out. And they are Americans. Yes, only Americans now."

The weekly, commenting on the interview, says: "What Egyptians really have to choose between is maintenance of friendship with Britain, or acceptance of an exclusive American hegemony throughout the Middle East."

The paper continues: "It is noteworthy here, as always, how dominantly questions of prestige affect the Egyptian mind. The Egyptian Premier is well aware that his public utterances must be tuned to the present pitch of nationalist feeling. He is, therefore, less concerned about the substance of the issues involved than about appearances of Egyptian inferiority."—Reuter.

TWO QUAKES

New York, June 13. A strong earthquake lasting three hours is reported by the Boston College Seismograph Station at Weston, Mass. The Rev. Mr. Linchan said the quake started at 0021.32 GMT. He placed the centre of it about 7,935 miles from Boston in the neighbourhood of the Fiji Islands.

Two "very severe" earthquakes shook, possibly centred in the Dutch East Indies, were recorded by the Fordham University seismograph at 9.21 a.m. and 10.24 p.m. GMT. The shock was estimated at about 9,400 miles from New York.—Reuter.

A GROMYKO PROTEST

Lake Success, June 12. M. Gromyko today protested that the United States was going on the theory that Soviet-American differences on atomic energy control never would be reconciled.

"Such a supposition would be absolutely wrong," Gromyko told a closed meeting of delegates to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission. "We should not lay aside any effort to reach agreement."

Gromyko's charges came as delegates wrangled over how to take up the new Soviet atomic control proposals presented yesterday. They argued for three hours and, when they got nowhere, decided to resume the debate on Tuesday.—United Press.

New Conversations On Spain?

Paris, June 12. Exile Spanish Republican circles said yesterday that the recent proclamation by Franco of the new law of succession might greatly aid in the resumption of conversations between the Republicans and the Monarchists.

Communists On Trial

Madrid, June 12. The public prosecutor asked for death sentences to be passed on two alleged members of the Communist guerrilla band, Luis Rodriguez Madinez and Francisco Noda. Accused of placing bombs in a Madrid foodshop and being implicated in the murder of a municipal watchman, in a trial here today.

The prosecutor also asked for sentences ranging from 30 years to one year, for other accused, including 12 years for a woman named Elena Meson, alleged to have acted as a courier for letters for members of the Communist organisations.—Reuter.

Europe's Colossal Needs

Long Beach, Calif., June 12. Benjamin V. Cohen, U.S. State Department counsellor, said today that Europe may need up to US\$24,000,000,000 in outside aid during the next four years to halt starvation and check the "danger of dictatorship."

Cohen, one of Secretary of State Marshall's advisers, also made it plain in an address before the National Convention of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce that he thinks Britain should share in whatever aid programmes are worked out to help Europe as a whole.

Cohen is the first high State Department official to follow up Marshall's call last week to the European nations to get together and work out a joint reconstruction programme which the United States can support.

In further unfolding the State Department's tentative reconstruction blueprint, Cohen said: "Until Europe economy does become self-supporting it is difficult to see how Europe can make substantial payments if capital or interest except as she borrows from or puts off payments to Peter in order to pay Paul."

Cohen did not specify where Europe should go to get its needed financial aid but plainly implied it was the United States.

Costly

He said: "Economic help to revive the war-shattered Europe

CLARE LUCE ILL

New York, June 13. Clare Boothe Luce, former Republican Congresswoman from Connecticut, underwent an operation today and her condition is reported as "very good." The hospital gave no details as to the nature of the operation.—Associated Press.

SCOTTISH SECESSION: PEERS' WARNING

London, June 12. A warning that sections of opinion in Scotland were considering a breakaway from the United Kingdom was given in the House of Lords today by several Scottish peers when attacking the Government's bill to nationalise inland transport.

Moving an amendment for a separate transport executive for Scotland, the Earl of Selkirk said that by centralised control the Government were taking from the people of Scotland the ability to solve their own problems.

Another Scottish peer, the Earl of Airlie, endorsed the Earl of Selkirk's remarks.

"If you don't allow Scotland a larger measure of control over their own domestic affairs, you will drive them to what many of us think will be the real mistake and not in the best interests of Scotland or England. I am of course referring to the world separation."

Viscount Addison, Dominions Secretary, replying for the Government, said that he thought the Scottish peers had exaggerated. He did not see reflected in the Scottish elections the kind of feeling which had been outlined. It would be the Minister of Transport's endeavour to see that Scotland got fair play.

He pointed out that all local transport services were capable of being decentralised and said that no Englishmen would dare to interfere with the administration of the Secretary for Scotland.

Warning Merited

The Marquess of Salisbury, leader of the opposition, thought that the Earl of Airlie had given a well merited warning but urged the Scottish peers to postpone the amendment until the later stage of the bill to give the Government

Colombo Harbour Idle

Colombo, June 12. While the strike situation remains unchanged, with 26,000 workers officially estimated to be still out, Colonel P. J. Hornu, Chairman of the Colombo Port Commission, says that it must be obvious that until the 7,000 commercial labourers resume work, the harbour naturally cannot function normally.

The situation is satisfactory only in the case of the discharge of essential food cargoes and restricted oil, coal and water bunkering service to shipping.

The handling of general cargoes is still completely at a standstill, with consequent loss to government. It is officially estimated that the ten-day harbour strike means an irretrievable loss of nearly 200,000 rupees to the Government.

Though railway services are normal, there have been reports in the last few days of detected cases of tampering with the track as well as stone throwing at trains.—Reuter.

"True Man Of The People"

Cambridge, June 13. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, who went to work delivering milk at the age when he wanted to go to college, was made an Honorary Doctor of Laws on Thursday by Cambridge University.

Public orator W. Guthrie introduced Mr. Bevin in Latin as "a true man of the people, labouring in the people's good."

The degree was conferred by Lord Baldwin, Chancellor of the University, who, as Stanley Baldwin, was a Conservative Prime Minister.

Lord Wavell, former Viceroy of India, also received an honorary LL.D.—Associated Press.

Brazil To Take D.P.'s

Rio de Janeiro, June 12. Brazil has accepted the suggestion by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Pawley, that Brazil receive 700,000 European displaced persons.

The only condition set by the President is that immigrants should be properly selected under Brazilian direction.

The agreement was reached at a meeting held on Tuesday between the President, the Ambassador and the Ministers of Foreign Relations, Finance and Manufacture.

It is learned that immediate employment could be found for at least 10,000 immigrants in new agricultural developments in the San Francisco Valley.—United Press.

GUIDO SCHMIDT ACQUITTED

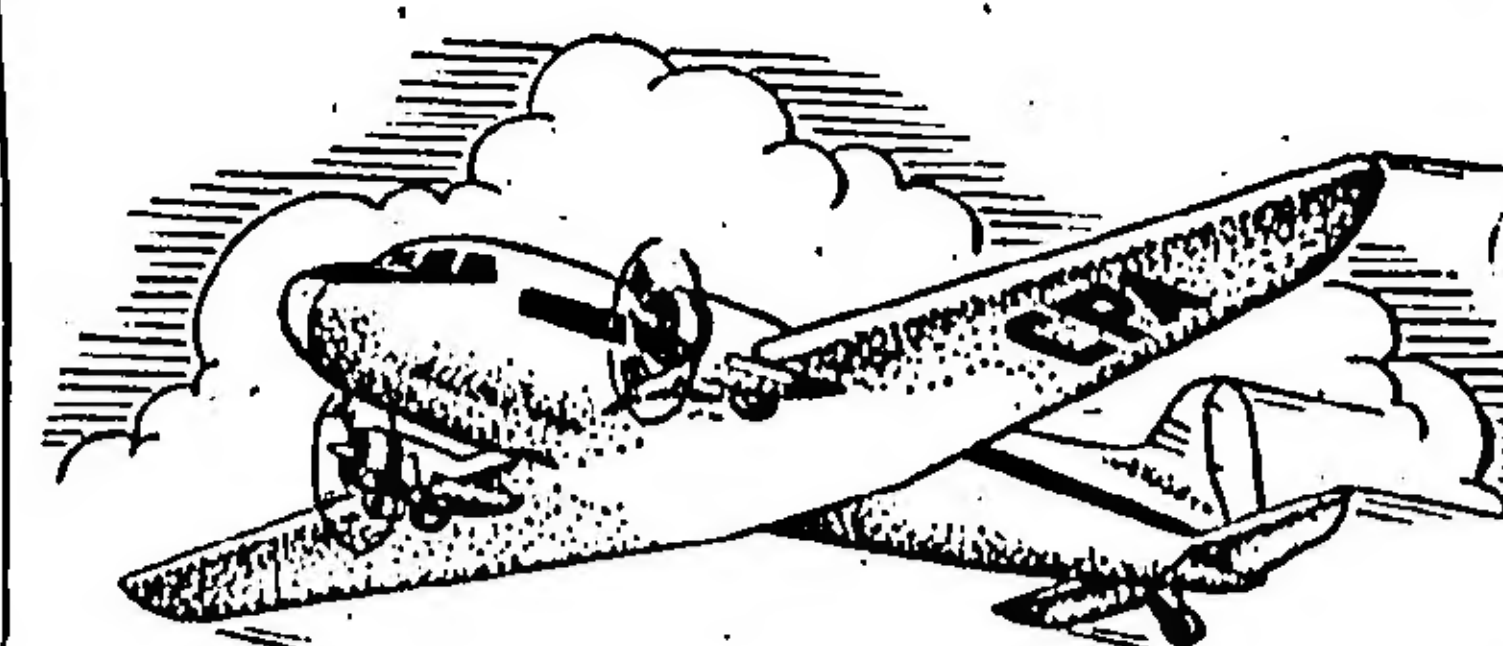
Vienna, June 12. Guido Schmidt, Austria's pro-Anschluss Foreign Minister, was acquitted by the People's Court today on charges of high treason. Schmidt once was chief adviser to Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg. He was charged with deluding the government and Schuschnigg on the desperate situation prevailing in connection with Hitler's threats.—United Press.

New Trial?

Vienna, June 12. The Austrian Socialist Party tonight filed a request with the Ministry of Interior demanding trial on charges of collaboration with Nazis of Dr. Schmidt.

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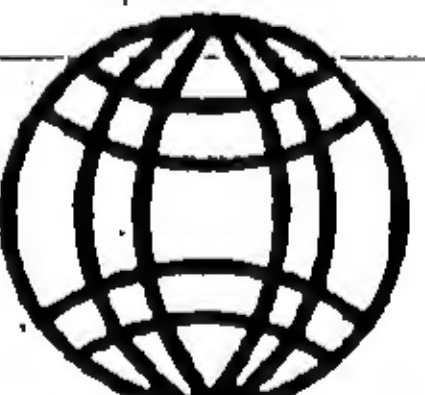
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

What Has Happened To The H.K. Automobile Association?

There is a lot to be said for adjustable steering wheels. A survey in Britain shows that 80 per cent of motorists are "odd sized." Although the average height of the adult male population is 5 ft. 10 ins. it is a surprising fact that there are actually only 14 per cent of 5 ft. 10 ins. men. The remaining 86 per cent vary considerably. Average height of women drivers is 5 ft. 4 in.

Synthetic, for tyres, has certain disadvantages. America is the greatest producer of synthetic rubber. Britain has plentiful natural resources. America shows signs of wishing to keep up her synthetic industry. Instead of paying dollars for Straits "natural," Britain wants to sell her "natural" tyres. All these are rubber facts which bear on the situation today. What happens if America develops a synthetic rubber that is better than "natural" for tyres?

A car which is sure to cause unusual interest is the Tucker—new American make unlikely to be seen before 1948. Technically this car is a very bold conception. The engine is mounted at the rear of the 10 ft. 8 ins. chassis and drives through a form of hydraulic torque converter. Thus, conventional transmission, clutch and even differential are eliminated. The build is so low that part of the roof opens with the doors.

Originator of the car is Preston Tucker and it will be manufactured in the ex-Dodge plant near Chicago, where considerable wartime engine production facilities are still available.

New M.G. Now In Hong Kong

The new M.G. Midget car, a neat low two-seater with cruising speed of between 50 and 60 m.p.h. marks another niche in the history written by 100 p.c. British M.G.'s on the scroll of the world's records.

The M.G.'s prewar style has been changed outwardly by the addition of an extra four inches in the width of the body. Features of the coachwork are folding flat screen, luggage container behind seats, and folding hood.

Luxury-Girling hydraulic dampers have been added to improve suspension and wiring has been changed to a two-fuse system. Agents for the M.G. Midget in Hong Kong are Messrs. Dodwell Motors Ltd. Queen's Building. (Tel. 32302).

The 1947 Buick car, now running on the Colony's roads, differs from last year's model only in the treatment of the grill design. Makers inform us that all radical changes are being kept for the 1948 Buick—which we hear will be in production towards the end of this year.

Little is known about this 1948 Buick yet, but it is rumoured in engine circles that the Cadillac V-8 engine (or a slight modification) may be installed in the series 70 Roadmaster type. So far the sedan styles only are shipped to Hong Kong but the convertible sedan and sedanet styles will be seen later this year.

Concerning production agents for this car in Hong Kong—The China International Motor Company, Bank of East Asia—state that the mounting schedule in the factories will correspondingly effect the quota of cars for this territory.

A four-speed transmission which provides extra lugging power for heavy starts is claimed by the new Chevrolet truck model. Provision has been made for mounting a power take-off device driven from the countershaft, and a front axle for extra-heavy-duty truck work has been installed.

The drop-forged, 1 beam construction has a rated capacity of 45,000 lbs. Other features of this truck include an all steel cab with steel framing to strengthen door windows against breakage. Agents in Hong Kong are Messrs. Far East Motors, 20, Nathan Road, Kowloon (Tel. 58849).

In South Africa heavy demands are being made for post-war transport. The prices of new cars are controlled there and dealers may charge not more than 23½ per cent on the landed cost of each car. It is somewhat surprising to learn that the Continental makes of Fiat, Peugeot, Renault and French-built Citroens are already available there considering conditions in Europe. Many of the newly arrived British cars in South Africa are 1938 models with minor modifications and improvements.

That petrol rationing in Britain is likely to continue was indicated recently by Mr. Shinwell in a Parliamentary answer when he gave details of the printing of coupon books, which is going ahead for the months up to February, 1948.

Figures for cars sent out of Britain during March this year reflect the fuel and weather crisis at home, the total being lower than the already low total for February, 6,348 against 7,581. Value of the exports, of course, also declined, being lower than £2,000,000 for the first time in some months.

We wonder when the Automobile Association will be starting up again in Hong Kong. Before the war its functions among others were to maintain the car parks, regulate the servicing of cars in the parks, patrolling the roads to aid distressed motorists, and make suggestions to the Commissioner of Police regarding the placing of traffic signs and danger notices.

And by the way, when riding in one of the Colony's taxi cabs, do you remember to take notice of the number, which is now printed above the windscreen inside the car as well as on the front and back of the cab outside? If you make a mental note of the number and also the colour of the taxi you may easily be able to trace any article which you accidentally left behind.

In painting their groups of vehicles certain distinguishable colours and printing the cab numbers inside the taxi cab, firms are co-operating with the police who would otherwise have a more difficult task in tracing lost articles. These two recent measures are for

American Traffic Problems

The U.S. postwar traffic situation is presenting authorities there with a national headache. In the main cities, traffic jams are the order of the day from one side of the coast to the other.

At present there are 30,000,000 cars and trucks on America's roads, and this immense figure is to be augmented by yet another 20,000,000 new ordered vehicles which are now listed on dealers' books.

Conservative experts say that the traffic volume in the U.S. will be nearly doubled in the next 15 years.

San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, which has ten traffic lanes, is already crowded with a full capacity of 45,000 vehicles a day. In certain streets in the centre of New York during "rush periods" motorists are regularly held up in traffic blocks from between 20 to 30 minutes.

Among measures which are to be adopted to reduce the ever-increasing traffic snarls are large underground parking projects, beneath streets or parks, speed zoning, road turns throughout whole busy areas, and more one-way streets. It is thought however that the underground parking schemes, already under way in several cities, may prove of disappointing value. San Francisco completed a four-floor, 1700-car parking garage under Union Square in 1942, at a cost of 1,500,000 gold dollars. But parking space in central parts of the city is again at a premium.

One solution that has been found practical in a number of cities in America is called "fringe parking." Atlanta, Georgia, has a big municipal parking lot a mile and a half from the business centre, with a cheap "park ride" service that includes both parking charges and round trip fare.

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Facts about London's Underground Railway show that 40 trains an hour are enabled to use a single track. Altogether there are 220 signmen in cabins behind the scenes. In addition there is a signal staff of 750 who maintain 2,020 automatic and 2,800 semi-automatic signals, as well as 1,330 points of points, along 350 miles of Underground track.

It would be interesting to know who has produced the smallest oil engine. One recently constructed in Italy is of a size suitable for a model aeroplane with a wing span of only 2 ft. 6 ins., and it propels this at 50 m.p.h. Research with such models often brings more practicable results.

A new type of engine starter, which should be of interest to commercial vehicle users, is now in production in France. The chief advantages claimed for it are a big saving in weight over the normal electric starting equipment and the high rotational speed imparted to the engine crank shaft.

Known as the Berger, this device is extremely simple in design and has only three moving parts.

Speeding Up The Export Drive

British engineers are now concentrating on home production of large-scale manufacturing machinery, with a view to speeding up our export drive.

A huge body press machine, with a "punch" of 1,600 tons, capable in one blow of stamping out the entire side of or top of a motor car body has just been completed. Weighing over 450 tons, it is the largest press ever built in Britain. Before the war such equipment had to be bought from America or Germany.

This mammoth press is capable of stamping out the side, including window apertures, or the entire top of a car with one 1,500 ton thrust. It is triple action, can mould steel sheets either from above or below. Steel sheets can be pressed as fast as they can be loaded into the machine up to a maximum rate of four hundred an hour.

Yet reports state that it is so finely poised that it can be adjusted to crack the shell of an egg without spilling the contents. The electric motors operating this press have a total power of only 140 horsepower. The colossal thrust comes from the impetus of fly wheels, some of which weigh over five tons and revolve at 365 revolutions a minute. It has push button controls, and engineering safeguards have been incorporated to prevent injury to workers.

Sir Wm. Rootes, Chairman of the Rootes Group, which has bought the press with a view to employing it on production of car bodies, said: "Our purchase of this press is part of a three million pound plan for the postwar production of cars and commercial vehicles."

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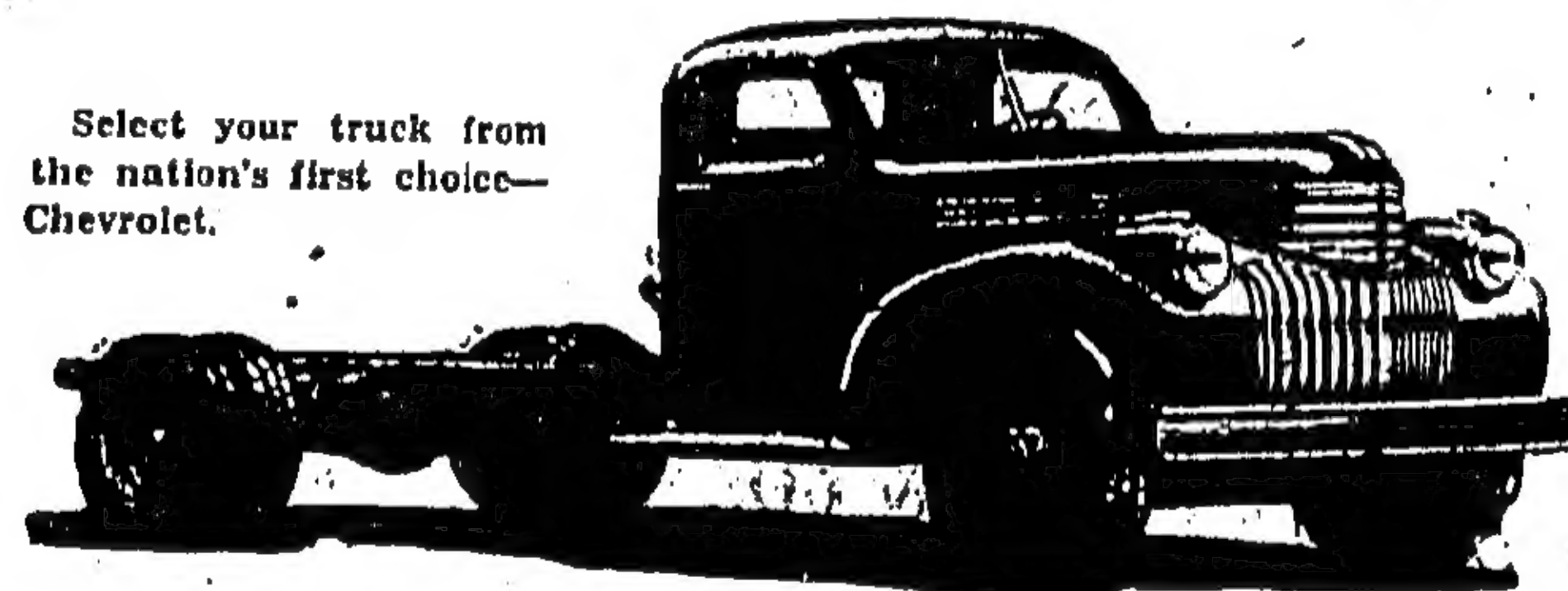
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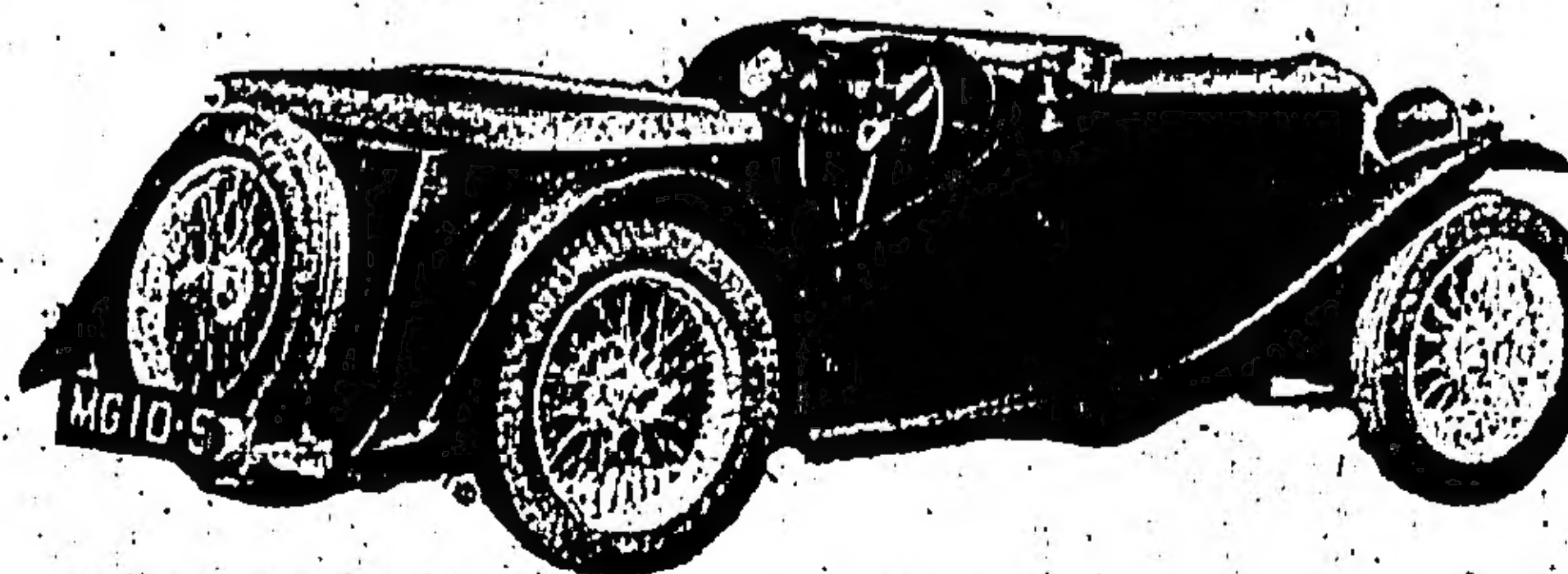
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